

REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

Prior to a formal examination of the above-identified application and calculation of fees due, acceptance of the above-recited amendments is respectfully requested.

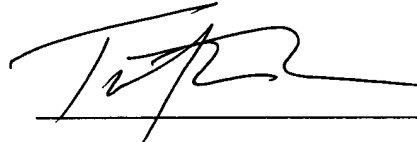
II. AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Applicants have amended the specification to recite a chain of priority to a previously filed international patent application and U.S. provisional patent application.

III. CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



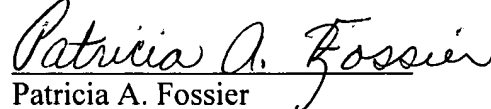
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